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Applicant : Deryck Jeremy Williams et al. Art Unit : 1616
Serial No. : 10/090,527 Examiner : A. Pryor
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Title : NEMATICIDAL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

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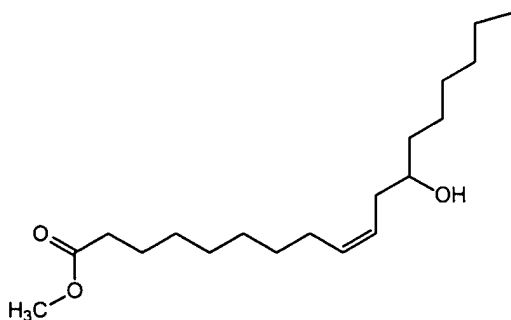
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the action mailed August 6, 2002, the Examiner requested that applicant elect one species of compound and one species of aqueous surfactant. With respect to the compound, Applicants elect ricinoleic acid methyl ester. This compound has the following structure:

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509p
83002

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In terms of the generic formula in claim 1, ricinoleic acid methyl ester corresponds to:

$$\text{R}_1\text{-O-C(=O)-R}_2$$
 wherein $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3$ and $\text{R}_2 =$ a C_{17} chain having a *cis* double bond between the 9th and 10th carbons and an -OH at the 12th carbon. With respect to the aqueous surfactant, Applicants elect Tween 20. The following claims read on the elected species: 1-3, 9-11, 14-24, 29-31 and 34-58.

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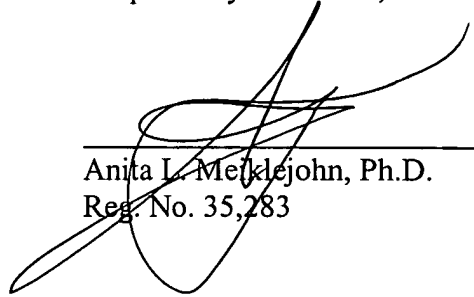
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